

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OMED, EAID, ZA, US  
SUBJ: GRZ REQUEST FOR AID TO COMBAT CEREBRAL-SPINAL MENINGITIS

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FORMAL NOTE FROM GRZ REQUESTING ASSISTANCE TO FIGHT INCREASING OUTBREAK OF CEREBRAL SPINAL MENINGITIS IN ZAMBIA. NOTE CITES STATISTICS REPORTING 1655 CASES WITH 350 DEATHS IN 1975 AND AN INCREASING NUMBER BEING REPORTED FROM ALL DISTRICTS THIS YEAR. GRZ POINTS OUT THAT MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS RUN OUT OF FUNDS TO FIGHT THE DISEASE AND ASKS FOR US ASSISTANCE TO FIGHT THE ALARMING RATE OF INCIDENCE.

2. GRZ SPECIFICALLY REQUESTING FIVE MILLION DOSES MENINGITIS VACCINES, NEEDLES, PED-O-JETS, MEGAPHONES AND VEHICLES.

3. CURRENT FOREIGN EXCHANGE SITUATION IN ZAMBIA IN CRITICAL AND THERE IS A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF CLINICAL DRUGS AND MEDICINES IN THE COUNTRY. RECENT PRESS REPORTS CITE  
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INSTANCES OF 25 PEOPLE DYING IN ONE DAY AT A PARTICULAR HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF THE DRUG SHORTAGE.

4. REALIZE THAT REQUEST FOR AID IS SUBSTANTIAL, BUT EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. WE CONSIDER THE REQUEST LEGITIMATE AND DO NOT

ANTICIPATE ANY IMPROVEMENT IN THE SITUATION IN THE  
NEAR FUTURE. STRONGLY URGE DEPARTMENT AND AID/W GIVE  
THIS REQUEST EVERY POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION.

5. PLEASE ADVISE. LOW

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